Results of the State FFA Poultry Judging Contest

Top 5 Individuals:
1st Emily VanMeter—Palmyra FFA
2nd Jacob Wood—Palmyra FFA
3rd Erin Chambers—Palmyra FFA
4th Natalie Schrad—Boone Central FFA
5th Madison Chrisman—Central City FFA

Top 3 Teams:
1st Palmyra FFA
2nd Boone Central FFA
3rd York FFA
The Heat is On: When temperatures rise, heat stress becomes a serious concern for all poultry (commercial and backyard flocks). Chickens do not have the ability to sweat like mammals so their means of dispensing excess body heat are limited to panting and lowering core temperatures through reduced heat loads in their environment. Most commercial poultry houses have extensive ventilation systems that include an air cooling system such as evaporative pad cooling with cool water. It is important to make sure all cooling systems and fans can work at capacity before the heat turns up to dangerous levels. Temps above 95 degrees are dangerous, especially when not relieved by a cooler night-time temperature. Backyard flocks will also benefit from fans, shade, cool water daily and maybe even a misting nozzle system similar to what you may be using on your porch.
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